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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S STOP AT SOUDA AIR BASE

1. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE GOG CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S BRIEF STOP AT SOUDA AIR BASE IN CRETE YESTERDAY AND HIS MEETING WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS. HOWEVER THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) BULLETIN SEP 24 CARRIED A BRIEF ITEM WITH THIS INFORMATION. ALSO, ALL MORNING AND AFTERNOON PAPERS REPORTED THE STOPOVER AND THAT THE SECRETARY WAS GREETED THERE BY TZOUNIS AND AMB KUBISCH, AND THAT THEY HAD THEN MET PRIVATELY FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. ALL PAPERS SPECULATE THAT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON US MILITARY FACILITIES WERE THE MAIN TOPIC OF THEIR DISCUSSION.

2. EDITORIAL BIAS CREPT INTO THE HEADLINES OF THE TWO COMMUNIST DAILIES. RIZOSPASTIS, ORGAN OF THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE EXTERIOR, BANNERED "KISSINGER IN CRETE TO DICTATE US ORDERS", WHILE AVGHI OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR, FEATURED "PROVOCATIVE PRESENCE OF KISSINGER IN CRETE". OTHER NEWSPAPERS WERE FACTUAL IN THEIR HEADLINES AND TREATMENT OF THE STORY

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PRESENTATIONS RANGED FROM HEADLINED FEATURES TO A
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3. MOST PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT A SMALL ANTI-US
DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN STAGED BY STUDENTS IN THE TOWN
OF CHANIA, SIX KILOMETERS WEST OF THE AIR BASE, WHEN
THEY LEARNED OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESENCE THERE.
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